

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 00/14174 A1 (Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.), 16 March, 2000 (16.03.00), Full text & JP 2000-309566 A & EP 1029909 A1	1-6
X	WO 98/30071 A1 (TDK Corp.), 09 July, 1998 (09.07.98), Full text & EP 891121 A1 & US 6344283 A	1-6



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



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(With respect to scope of international search for claims 1-6)

The aromatic amine derivatives use of which in the organic electroluminescent element, which has a high luminescent efficiency even at a low voltage, retains a long life and is capable of emitting blue light even at high temperatures, has been demonstrated are limited to ones in which Ar¹ and Ar² each is naphthyl or phenanthryl, Ar³ to Ar⁷ each is phenyl, naphthyl, or phenanthryl, Ar⁷ to Ar¹⁰ each is 1,4-phenylene, and L is a single bond.

When knowledges of the related art (WO 00/14174 A1 and WO 98/30071 A1) are taken into account, it can be conceived that an aromatic amine derivative wherein L is alkylene, an ether bond, or arylene is also actually usable in the organic electroluminescent element.

However, the luminescence of an organic electroluminescent element is influenced by properties of the compound used, i.e., crystallizability, stability to heat, oxygen, water, etc., and property of forming a film (layer) on the electrode, and these performances vary depending on the chemical structure of the compound used (for example, presence or absence of a functional group and substitution positions of various groups) (Comparative Examples in the description show that use of different aryl groups results in a considerable difference in luminescent performance).

It cannot hence be conceived that any compound included in the aromatic amine derivatives of claim 1 has the same luminescent properties as the aromatic amine derivatives whose use is demonstrated in the description.

Consequently, the aromatic amine derivatives of claim 1 involve ones which are not sufficiently supported by the description.

An international search report was made with respect to only the following aromatic amine derivatives, which are thought to be sufficiently supported by the description, and the organic electroluminescent elements containing these.

<Aromatic amine derivatives in which Ar¹ and Ar² each is naphthyl or phenanthryl, Ar³ to Ar⁶ each is phenyl, naphthyl, or phenanthryl, Ar⁷ to Ar¹⁰ each is 1,4-phenylene, and L is a single bond, ether bond, arylene, or alkylene.>